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SELF -EMPLOYMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of assistance extended to the craftsmen and weavers of Orissa for self- employment during each of the last three years; and

(b) the number of craftsmen and weavers benefited there from

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a): The developmental schemes like Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana for Cluster Development, Design and Technology Upgradation Scheme, Marketing Support Scheme, Export Promotion Scheme and Special Handicraft Training Projects Scheme etc. being implemented in the handicrafts sector and Dindyal Hathkargha Protsahan Yojana, Integrated Handloom Training Project, Marketing Promotion Programme, Mill Gate Price Scheme, Handloom Export Scheme, Integrated handloom Cluster Development etc. in the handloom sector indirectly encourage self-employment amongst the artisans and the weavers. The details of financial assistance provided to various implementing agencies viz State Handicraft Development Corporations/Societies/NGOs etc. for implementation of schemes of Handicrafts Sector and to Government of Orissa for implementation of schemes of Handlooms Sector during each for the last three years is given as under:

(Rs. In lakhs)

Year	Amount Released for Handicraft Sector	Amount Released for Handloom Sector
2003-04	139.09	Rs.236.92
2004-05	163.19	Rs.666.48
2005-06	329.13	Rs.900.46

(b): Number of artisans benefited through implementation of above schemes in the handicraft sector are 4390. As regards handloom sector, the schemes are implemented by the State Government through Cooperative Societies, which benefits lakhs of weavers directly and indirectly. As per census of handlooms (1995-96), the total number of weavers and allied workers in Orissa were 2,46,782.